

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A remoistenable adhesive system which comprises a colloid dispersion mixture obtained by copolymerizing at least one water-soluble monomer with at least one water-insoluble comonomer which is an unsubstituted or alpha-substituted ester of acrylic acid, an unsubstituted or alpha-substituted ester or methacrylic acid or an ester of maleic acid.

Claim 2 (original) The remoistenable adhesive system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the proportion of the colloid dispersion mixture in the adhesive system is from 5 to 100%.

Claim 3 (previously amended) The remoistenable adhesive system as claimed in claim 1, which further comprises polymer dispersions of different monomer compositions, polyvinyl alcohol, and/or starch.

Claim 4 (previously amended) The remoistenable adhesive system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said water-soluble monomer is N-methyl-N-vinylacetamide, N-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone or N-vinylformamide.

Claim 5 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (currently amended) The remoistenable adhesive system as claimed in claim 5, wherein said water-insoluble ~~monomer~~ comonomer is butyl or ethylhexyl acrylate or dioctyl maleate.

Claim 8 (previously amended) The remoistenable adhesive system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said emulsifier comprises nonionic emulsifiers or mixtures of ionic with nonionic emulsifiers.

Claim 9 (currently amended) The remoistenable adhesive system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said emulsifier comprises alkylaryl polyglycol ethers or alkyl polyglycol ethers each having from 3 to 50 mol of ethylene units, block copolymers of ethylene oxide with propylene oxide, alkylsulfonates or alkylarylsulfonates, alkyl sulfates, alkyl and aryl ether sulfates and phosphates each having ~~preferably~~ 8 to 18 carbon atoms in the lipophilic portion and up to 50 ethylene oxide or propylene oxide units in the hydrophilic portion, and also monoesters or diesters of sulfosuccinic acid, or alkylphenols having in each case ~~preferably~~ 8 to 18 carbon atoms in the alkyl radical.

Claim 10 (currently amended) The remoistenable adhesive system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the copolymerization is conducted as a free-radical polymerization.

Claim 11 (original) The remoistenable adhesive system as claimed in claim 10, wherein the copolymerization is conducted at from 60 to 90°C.

Claim 12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (new) In postage stamps, rear-flap gums for envelopes, adhesive binders and adhesives for the flooring sector, the improvement comprising using as the removable adhesive the system of claim 1.